

District Information:

Population: 9,500
Town(s) Collecting Taxes: Greenburgh
Villages Served: Dobbs Ferry
Zip Codes Within District: 10522
Enrollment: 1,372

Name/Grade Levels of School Buildings:

Springhurst Elementary School K-5
 Dobbs Ferry Middle School 6-8
 Dobbs Ferry High School 9-12

Kindergarten:

full day 5 yrs by 12/1

Average Class Sizes:

K-2 - 19
 3-5 - 19
 6-8 Eng/SS - 24
 9-12 Eng/SS - 24

Child Care: Dobbs Ferry Before and After School Center

Staff:

Certified: 156
Non-Certified: 94

Transportation:

District Size (sq. miles): 2
Number of Walkers: 718
Number of Students Bused:
To Public Schools: 628
To Non-Public Schools: 88
In District Distance Limits/Free:
 K-5 all

Private/Parochial Schools:

Number Who Attend: 88
 Number of Schools Attended: 19

Costs:

Total Budget (2004-05): \$28,473,317.00
 Per Pupil Cost (2004-05): \$20,753.00
 Portion of Above Paid By Local Tax: \$14,206.00
 True Value Tax Rate (2004-05): \$17.37

Since 1885, the residents of Dobbs Ferry have been committed to providing outstanding public education. The school system, individual teachers, and students have received county, state, and national recognition for excellence. Every Dobbs Ferry student is given the opportunity to receive an excellent education appropriate to individual needs. Our small size enables us to know and to give personal attention to each of our students. Creativity is encouraged and recognized. Students are taught to respect nature and the environment, develop a positive self-image, assume personal and social responsibility, and become effective citizens.

Performance of our students on standardized tests is well above the national and state averages. 95% of our students continue on to higher education. The high school offers the International Baccalaureate Program, a comprehensive and rigorous two-year pre-university course of study, available to all students in the eleventh and twelfth grades. The International Baccalaureate is internationally recognized and leads to examinations that demonstrate mastery of subject content as well as academic skills. Students are prepared to continue their formal education and to secure gainful employment. We encourage creativity, curiosity and practical problem solving. Our students develop learning as a life-long pursuit.

Available are all-day kindergarten; before and after school care in grades K-8; technology classes; language arts; social studies and arts programs; math; science; research and engineering labs; Advanced Placement courses; TV studio; Publishing Room; Peer Leadership program; English Language Learning remedial services; and a wide range of interscholastic and intramural programs. The teaching staff is a blend of experience and enthusiasm. Over 89% of our teachers hold graduate degrees. The Dobbs Ferry School District is extremely proud of its student achievements, dedicated staff, involved parents, and community members

Eastchester Union Free School District

580 White Plains Road, Eastchester, NY 10709

Telephone: (914) 793-6130 **Fax:** (914) 793-9006

Superintendent: Dr. Robert Siebert **Board President:** Ms. Liz Cangro

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District Information:**Staff:**

Population: 31,318
Town(s) Collecting Taxes: Eastchester
Villages Served: Bronxville, Eastchester, Tuckahoe
Zip Codes Within District: 10709, 10583, 10707
Enrollment: 2,770

Name/Grade Levels of School Buildings:

Waverly School K-1
 Anne Hutchinson School 2-5
 Greenvale School 2-5
 Eastchester Middle School 6-8
 Eastchester High School 9-12

Kindergarten:

full day 5 yrs by 12/1

Average Class Size:

K-2 - 20
 3-5 - 21.5
 6-8 Eng/SS - 21
 9-12 Eng/SS - 21

Child Care: Eastchester After School Youth (EASY); Woodlot After School

Certified: 303
Non-Certified: 135

Transportation:

District Size (sq. miles): 3.69
Number of Walkers: 878
Number of Students Bused:
To Public Schools: 1,914
To Non-Public Schools: 157
In District Distance Limits/Free:
 K-5 - 0.5 mile
 6-10 - 1

Private/Parochial Schools:

Number Who Attend: 177
 Number of Schools Attended: 30

Costs:

Total Budget (2004-05): \$49,277,130.00
 Per Pupil Cost (2004-05): \$17,790.00
 Portion of Above Paid By Local Tax: \$12,584.00
 True Value Tax Rate (2004-05): \$10.72

The Eastchester School District is committed to excellence and provides students with a comprehensive K-12 education that stresses academic achievement and personal growth. With approximately 2,700 students, the district offers a wide variety of course selections that challenge students to meet their potential while focusing on individual student needs. All classrooms in the elementary and secondary schools have networked computers for the integration of technology into instruction. At all levels, students can receive academic intervention. An elementary and middle school Summer Academy and High School Summer School provide students with an opportunity to strengthen skills in language arts and math. Comprehensive special education services are also provided. The district encourages a strong partnership between the home and the school.

The K-5 elementary program provides the strong foundation for future achievement with programs that emphasize basic skills, concepts, critical thinking, communication and problem-solving skills in all curriculum areas. A strong early literacy program starts in the all-day kindergarten and grade 1 that all students in the district attend at the Waverly School. There are two grade 2-5 elementary schools, Anne Hutchinson and Greenvale. In addition, the elementary schools offer students an Enrichment Program, BOCES, after-school gifted and talented courses, and extensive cultural arts programs to support and enrich the instructional program.

The Middle School curriculum is designed to meet the educational and social needs of early adolescent students. Students take academic level courses, and accelerated classes are offered in Math and Science in grade 8. Three foreign languages are also offered. Students are encouraged to participate in the many extra-curricular clubs, sports and events that are available.

The High School's academic program is nationally recognized for its excellence by the U.S. Office of Education (1993 National High School of Excellence) and offers students advanced college level placement courses in all content areas, and Authentic Science Research (Intel). Four foreign languages are offered. There is wide student participation in the sports and extra-curricular offerings including a strong music, drama and dance program.

The district continues to offer teen and adult education courses.

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Edgemont Union Free School District

300 White Oak Lane, Scarsdale, NY 10583
Telephone: (914) 472-7768 **Fax:** (914) 472-6846

Superintendent: Ms. Nancy L. Taddiken **Board President:** Mr. Richard Glickstein
E-Mail: ntaddiken@mail.edgemont.org **Web Site:** www.edgemont.org

District Information:

Population: 8,500
Town(s) Collecting Taxes: Greenburgh
Villages Served: Scarsdale, Hartsdale
Zip Code: Within District: 10583, 10530, 10710
Enrollment: 1,914

Name/Grade Levels of School Buildings:

Greenville K-6
 Seely Place K-6
 Edgemont Jr./Sr. High School 7-12

Kindergarten:

Extended day 5 yrs by 12/31

Average Class Size:

K-2 - 19
 3-6 - 21
 7-8 Eng/SS - 19
 9-12 Eng/SS - 23

Child Care: after school YMCA**Staff:**

Certified: 171
Non-Certified: 127

Transportation:

District Size (sq. miles): 2
Number of Walkers: NA
Number of Students Bused:
To Public Schools: 53
To Non-Public Schools: 37
In District Distance Limits/Free:
 K-8 - 2 miles
 9-12 - 3 miles

Private/Parochial Schools:

Number Who Attend: 37
 Number of Schools Attended: 19

Costs:

Total Budget (2004-05): \$33,219,749.00
 Per Pupil Cost (2004-05): \$17,356.00
 Portion of Above Paid By Local Tax: \$13,902.00
 True Value Tax Rate (2004-05) \$15.08

The Edgemont School District believes that effective communication among all members of the school community - students, faculty, parents, administrators, and residents - is the cornerstone of a good school. Consequently, all members of the school community are encouraged to participate in the dialogue of school improvement and to be a central part of the total education process. Because of its commitment to this effective communication, the Edgemont School District has been able to establish clear goals for its programs and high expectations for academic accomplishments of its students.

In 1984 Edgemont received the national Presidential Award for Excellence in Education. In 1994 the Middle States Association, in its evaluation of the Junior-Senior High School, found it to be a place "where the pursuit of academic excellence is blended with strong, interpersonal relationships." In 1999 "US News and World Report" listed Edgemont as one of "the 96 outstanding high schools in the United States."

In each of its two elementary schools Edgemont students explore, question, and learn; collaborative processes are emphasized. Technology is integrated into the curricula, and the home-school partnership is encouraged and valued.

Edgemont Junior-Senior High School's nine-building campus is situated on eighty acres of wooded land. The Junior-Senior High School has a rich academic program that includes AP and honors courses in every discipline, a Science Scholars program that allows students to pursue original independent projects under the mentorship of leading professionals, and an Alternative School comprised of juniors and seniors who are a microcosm of the total school population. Of the 136 graduates in the class of 2004, 98% are attending 4 yr colleges. Edgemont Junior-Senior High School also has a strong extracurricular program - five publications, choral and instrumental groups, a nationally recognized debate team, a Model United Nations program, a community service program, several dramatic productions, and an extensive

interscholastic program with 53 different teams in which approximately 80% of students participate.

Many community groups of parents and teachers work together to enhance the educational program for students - PTA, PTSA, E-Club (a sports booster program), Edgemont School Foundation, Edgemont Scholarship Council, Japanese Women's Club, Indian Community of Edgemont, and Edgemont Recreation Corporation.

Elmsford Union Free School District

98 So. Goodwin Avenue, Elmsford, NY 10523

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Superintendent: Dr. Carol Franks-Randall **Board President:** Mrs. Debra B. Lawrence

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District Information:

Population: 5,500

Town(s) Collecting Taxes: Greenburgh

Villages Served: Elmsford

Zip Codes Within District: 10523, 10607, 10591

Enrollment: 984

Name/Grade Levels of School Buildings:

Carl L. Dixon Primary School Pre-K-1

Alice E. Grady Elementary School 2-6

Alexander Hamilton Jr./Sr. High School 7-12

Pre K:

Half day 4 yrs by 12/31

Kindergarten:

full day 5 yrs by 12/31

Average Class Size:

K-2 - 17

3-5 - 16

6-8 Eng/SS - 18

9-12 Eng/SS - 18

Child Care: After School - Tarrytown YMCA

Staff:

Certified: 127

Non-Certified: 25

Transportation:

District Size (sq. miles): 5

Number of Walkers: 280

Number of Students Based:

To Public Schools: 650

To Non-Public Schools: 244

In District Distance Limits/Free:

K-12 - 0.5 mile

Private/Parochial Schools:

Number Who Attend: 275

Number of Schools Attended: 32

Costs:

Total Budget (2004-05): \$21,620,514.00

Per Pupil Cost (2004-05): \$21,972.00

Portion of Above Paid By Local Tax: \$16,775.00

True Value Tax Rate (2004-05): \$12.69

The Elmsford School District is a thriving community, rich in history and cultural diversity. Located 15 miles north of New York City in Westchester County, Elmsford blends urban conveniences with rural beauty in an area that is marked by the stability of its residents. The Elmsford School District's pursuit of educational excellence in a caring environment is a goal shared by residents, teachers and school administrators alike. In Elmsford, there is a strong commitment to education. The Elmsford Board of Education works in conjunction with administration and staff to support these educational opportunities for our students. The PTA, an integral part of the school community, is active and involved, and strives to provide enriched learning environments to our students. One of the community's and school district's greatest strengths is the diversity of the population: it is a veritable microcosm of the ethnic, racial, socioeconomic and religious diversity of the United States. This offers the district's students, more than 900 in all, the chance to learn and develop within a population that is

representative of the nation.

The Alexander Hamilton Jr/Sr High School program of study is designed to prepare students to make the transition to the demands of academic college study. Vocational and technical programs are also provided to facilitate entry into the world of work with appropriate skills.

The Dixon Primary School houses the district's pre-kindergarten, all day kindergarten and first grade programs. The Grady Elementary School houses the district's second through sixth grade students and Alexander Hamilton Jr./Sr. High School houses the district's seventh through twelfth grade students.

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Garrison Union Free School District

P.O. Box 193, Route 9D, Garrison, NY 10524

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Superintendent: Mrs. Gloria Colucci **Board President:** Mr. Stanley Freilich

Email: gcolucci@gufs.org **Web Site:** www.gufs.org

District Information:

Population: 2,500

Town(s) Collecting Taxes: Phillipstown, Putnam Valley

Villages Served:

Zip Code: Within District: 10524, 10579

Enrollment: 384

K-8 - 293

9-12 (tuitioned out) 94

Name/Grade Levels of School Building:

Garrison Elementary School and

Garrison Middle School K-8

Kindergarten:

full day 5 yrs by 12/1

Average Class Size:

K-2 - 16

3-5 - 17

6-8 Eng/SS - 16

Child Care: After school - Garrison Children's Workshop

Staff:

Certified: 36

Non-Certified: 16

Transportation:

District Size (sq. miles): 110

Number of Students Based:

To Public Schools:

(includes high schools) 387

To Non-Public Schools: 6

In District Distance Limits/Free:

K-8 all

Private/Parochial Schools:

Number Who Attend: 6

Number of Schools Attended: 4

Costs:

Total Budget (2004-05): \$7,162,643.00

Per Pupil Cost (2004-05): \$18,653.00

Portion of Above Paid By Local Tax: \$15,666.00

True Value Tax Rate (2004-05): \$8.21

THE COMMUNITY

Located approximately 50 miles north of New York City in the scenic Hudson Valley, directly across the river from West Point Military Academy, Garrison prides itself on its rural atmosphere and commitment to children. Many residents commute daily to New York City from this historic community.

The area is rich in cultural and recreational opportunities. The Garrison Art Center features art shows and art courses for members of the community; it is also working in partnership with the school district to create exciting artistic experiences for children. The Alice and Hamilton Fish Library, located near the school, is a valuable resource to both students and staff. The Philipstown Recreation Department offers many sports activities. Nearby lakes, parks and the Hudson River provide additional recreation opportunities for this community of 2,500. A

historical society, outdoor education center and historical restoration (Boscobel) contribute to the educational opportunities for Garrison students.

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT

In 1908, the current K-8 school building opened to serve the students in the Garrison School District. Additions were made in the 1950's and 1960's and another addition was approved by the residents in November 1999. The addition and extensive renovations were completed in April 2001. These physical improvements have been designed to accommodate increasing enrollment and an enriched and expanded instructional program. High school education is provided on a tuition basis in two nearby districts: Highland Falls and Haldane. In addition to the school building, a forested area of 181 acres is used for science and outdoor education programs.

Small size classes, averaging 16 students, are the norm. The district offers full day kindergarten, accelerated courses to middle school students and a variety of enrichment opportunities. A dedicated staff, including an extensive instructional support staff, provides effective learning experiences to all students.

Greenburgh 7 Central School District

475 West Hartsdale Avenue, Hartsdale, NY 10530

Telephone: (914) 761-6000 **Fax:** (914) 761-2354

Superintendent: Ms. Josephine N. Moffett **Board President:** Ms. Stephanie W. Bellino

Email: clerk@greenburgh7.com **Web Site:** www.greenburgh.k12.ny.us

District Information:

Population: 20,000

Town(s) Collecting Taxes: Greenburgh

Villages Served: Hartsdale, White Plains

Zip Codes Within District: 10523, 10530, 10583, 10603, 10606, 10607

Enrollment: 1,916

Name/Grade Levels of School Buildings:

Early Childhood Program Pre-K

Lee F. Jackson School K-1

Highview School 2-3

Richard J. Bailey School 4-6

Woodlands Middle/High School 7-12

Kindergarten:

full day 5 yrs by 12/31

Average Class Size:

K-2 - 19

3-5 - 23

6-8 Eng/SS - 18

9-12 Eng/SS - 18

Child Care: several private care agencies

Staff:

Certified: 323

Non-Certified: 86

Transportation:

District Size (sq. miles): 8

Number of Walkers: 220

Number of Students Bused:

To Public Schools: 1,935

To Non-Public Schools: 726

In District Distance Limits/Free:

K-8 - 0.5 mile

9-12 - 1

Private/Parochial Schools:

Number Who Attend: 726

Number of Schools Attended: 92

Costs:

Total Budget (2004-05): \$45,765,065.00

Per Pupil Cost (2004-05): \$23,892.00

Portion of Above Paid By Local Tax: \$15,557.00

True Value Tax Rate (2004-05): \$9.69

The Greenburgh Central School No. 7 was created in 1968 from a merger of the Greenburgh School District and the Hartsdale School District. The district is located 25 miles from New York City and serves students from Hartsdale, a portion of White Plains and from a small area of Elmsford. Several of the schools in the district, as well as the administration offices, are located on the former Warburg Estate which

was given to the District in the 1950's by Freida Schiff Warburg. Central 7 is a residential community in the Town of Greenburgh.

The goal of the Greenburgh Central School District No. 7 is to provide for every student, regardless of income, family situation or background, the resources to ensure success. Our goal is to improve the achievement levels of all our students.

Greenburgh Central 7 is a school district with a diverse student body. The diverse social, economic and cultural heritages of our students are assets, which enrich the school life of the students and prepare them for the society in which they will live. Sixty-four flags representing the nationalities of Woodlands Middle School and Senior High students are displayed in the Commons area of the school.

At the elementary level, a wide variety of instructional strategies are utilized which recognize individual differences. A strong emphasis on reading and math is prevalent throughout the grade. Last year the district put in place a reading program that is connected from Kindergarten through 6th grade. Staffing and programming are provided for gifted students, as well as, for the disabled. Enrichment is provided for all our students. The District supports an all-day kindergarten. Computers are used in every classroom, as well as, in our computer labs.

Our high school students are offered a wide variety of courses and participate in a fully scheduled day with extensive co-curricular and interscholastic programs. We have introduced 80 minute periods, as well as, an Honors Program. Woodlands Senior High School was designated a New York State School of Excellence. Advanced placement courses are offered in biology, calculus, foreign language, English and American history. Seniors have the option of participating in an internship program known as W.I.S.E. (Woodlands Individualized Senior Experience). Although the Middle School (grades 7 and 8) is housed with the high school, they have their own principal and completely separate educational program. Accelerated courses are offered to 7th and 8th graders in math and science. Middle School students also participate in the Johns Hopkins Academically Talented Student Program.

At the elementary, middle and senior high schools, the district is involved with grants and partnerships supported by Texaco, Ciba-Geigy, Pace University and Westchester Council for the Arts. The programs supported by these groups enrich the education of our students in Greenburgh Central School District No. 7. [Back to Top](#)

Haldane Central School District

15 Craigsides Drive, Cold Spring, NY 10516

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Superintendent: Dr. John J. Di Natale **Board President:** Mrs. Lori - Anne Mattessino

EMail: jdinatal@haldane.lhric.org **Web Site:** www.haldaneschool.org

District Information:

Population: 5,000

Town(s) Collecting Taxes: Phillipstown

Villages Served: Cold Spring, Nelsonville

Zip Code: Within District: 10516

Enrollment: 855

Name/Grade Levels of School Buildings:

Haldane Elementary School K-6

Haldane Jr./Sr. High School 7-12

Kindergarten:

full day 5 yrs by 12/31

Average Class Size:

K-2 - 21

3-6 - 21

7-8 Eng/SS - 20

Staff:

Certified: 93

Non-Certified: 57

Transportation:

District Size (sq. miles): 32

Number of Walkers: 359

Number of Students Bused:

To Public Schools: 491

To Non-Public Schools: 35

In District Distance Limits/Free:

K-12 as state mandated

Private/Parochial Schools:

Number Who Attend: 35

Number of Schools Attended: 13

Costs:

Total Budget (2004-05): \$14,220,736.00

9-12 Eng/SS - 19

Per Pupil Cost (2004-05): \$16,632.00
 Portion of Above Paid By Local Tax: \$12,368.00
 True Value Tax Rate (2004-05): \$13.00

Located in Cold Spring, NY along the Hudson River and overlooking the US Military Academy at West Point, the Haldane Central School District has a rich tradition and history associated with the region even before its founding as a school district one hundred ten years ago. James Haldane (1818-1887), a native of Cold Spring and founder of the West Point Foundry, bequeathed funds to build the original Haldane School. The Hudson Highlands also played an important role in the Revolutionary War and American Civil War.

As a National School of Excellence, Haldane Elementary School is proud of its traditions, reputation and student achievements. With an enrollment of 490 students K-6, the elementary program features:

- Mobile, wireless computer lab and Library Media Center that supports integration of technology
- Extensive cultural arts programs that enrich and supplement classroom instruction
- Environmental studies that take advantage of the region's historical, geographical and cultural resources
- Full day kindergarten program
- Academic Intervention Services where children receive individual or small group instruction
- Instructional Support Team which meets weekly to evaluate student progress
- HELP Program: an after-school homework assistance program for students in grades 4-6
- E.L.L. (English Language Learner): for foreign students who have limited English

Haldane Junior and Senior High School students pursue a New York State Regents curriculum as preparation for post high school studies. The core curriculum is complemented by a rich variety of electives designed to meet students needs and interests. Acceleration in core content areas is also offered beginning in seventh grade.

Haldane High School requires all graduates to complete a community service requirement and a senior thesis. Internships in areas of special interest are also designed for students based on availability of mentors.

The High School offers Advanced Placement courses in Calculus, statistics, American History, Government and Politics, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, English Literature, and English Composition. Students can avail themselves of college credit programs including University in High School through SUNY Albany in English, Science Research, Spanish and French. 31% of the graduating class sat for Advanced Placement exams. In addition, 95% of the graduating class was admitted to a post-secondary program.

Close to 90% of the students participate in one or more co-extracurricular activities. Many students are three-season athletes, performing artists, and writers who achieve at the top of their class. Active participation and academic success are central to the Haldane mission.

Harrison Central School District

50 Union Avenue, Harrison, NY 10528

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Superintendent: Mr. Louis N. Wool **Board President:** Mr. David Singer

E-Mail: super@harrisoncsd.org **Web Site:** www.harrisoncsd.org

District Information:

Population: 24,154

Town(s) Collecting Taxes: Harrison, Town of Rye, Town of North Castle

Villages Served: Town/Village of Harrison

Zip Code: **Within District:** 10528, 10577, 10604, parts of 10580 and 3 streets of 10543

Enrollment: 3,549

Name/Grade Levels of School Buildings:

Harrison Avenue School K-5

Staff:

Certified: 395

Non-Certified: 250

Transportation:

District Size (sq. miles): 22

Number of Walkers: 1,199

Number of Students Bused:

To Public Schools: 2,371

To Non-Public Schools: 873

Parsons Memorial School K-5
 Purchase School K-5
 Samuel J. Preston School K-5
 Louis M. Klein Middle School 6-8
 Harrison High School 9-12

Kindergarten:

full day 5 yrs by 12/31

Average Class Size:

K-2 - 20

3-5 - 21

6-8 Eng/SS - 21

9-12 Eng/SS - 21

Child Care: on site provided by community

In District Distance Limits/Free:

K-3 - 0.5 mile

4-12 - 1

Private/Parochial Schools:

Number Who Attend: 937

Number of Schools Attended: 53

Costs:

Total Budget (2004-05): \$77,894,866.00

Per Pupil Cost (2004-05): \$21,948.00

Portion of Above Paid By Local Tax: \$18,982.00

True Value Tax Rate (2004-05): \$9.37

The Harrison Central School District is located in the heart of southern Westchester County. The community is committed to excellence in public education as evidenced by its support of school budgets and bond referendums. The district is home to Manhattanville College and the State University's Purchase College. Many corporate headquarters also reside within the borders of Harrison including Pepsico and Mastercard.

The district is comprised of four elementary, a middle and high school. Harrison is pleased to have three National Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence. High school graduates are consistently admitted to the nation's finest colleges and universities. The district is extremely proud of its exemplary early childhood education and has been a top performer on New York State Education Elementary Assessments. The Blue Ribbon Louis M. Klein Middle School provides a wide range of enrichment and support activities for students and is recognized as a model middle level program. The district maintains favorable class sizes at each level to maximize student development.

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Hastings-on-Hudson UFSD

27 Farragut Avenue, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY 10706

Telephone: (914) 478-6200 **Fax:** (914) 478-6209

Superintendent: Dr. John J. Russell Board **President:** Ms. Iris Hiskey Arno

Web Site: www.hastings.k12.ny.us

District Information:

Population: 8,000

Town(s) Collecting Taxes: Greenburgh

Villages Served: Hastings-on-Hudson

Zip Code: Within District: 10706

Enrollment: 1,716

Name/Grade Levels of School Buildings:

Hillside Elementary School K-4

Farragut Middle School 5-8

Hastings High School 9-12

Kindergarten:**Staff:**

Certified: 185

Non-Certified: 77

Transportation:

District Size (sq. miles): 3

Number of Walkers: 1,125

Number of Students Bused:

To Public Schools: 550

To Non-Public Schools: 50

In District Distance Limits/Free:

1-4 - 0.5 mile

5 - 1

6-8 - 2

full day 5 yrs by 12/31
Average Class Size:
 K-2 - 20
 3-5 - 20
 5-8 Eng/SS - 21
 9-12 Eng/SS - 20

Child Care: After school on site provided by community

9-12 - 3

Private/Parochial Schools:

Number Who Attend: 75
 Schools Attended: 19

Costs:

Total Budget (2004-05): \$31,964,572.00
 Per Pupil Cost (2004-05): \$18,627.00
 Portion of Above Paid By Local Tax: \$12,345.00
 True Value Tax Rate (2004-05): \$18.43

The Hastings-on-Hudson School District, which includes all of the village of Hastings-on-Hudson and a portion of the Town of Greenburgh, consists of three schools: Hillside Elementary School, Farragut Middle School, and Hastings High School. The district enjoys a stable population base, and the approximately 8,000 residents strongly support our program as evidenced by their participation in district events and by their continual support of the school district budget.

The community has high academic expectations. These expectations are reflected in the training, experience, skills and abilities of the school district's staff members and the outstanding achievements of the students. Staff members actively promote parental and community member involvement in the educational process and in school events. Hillside Elementary School was recognized by the U.S. Department of Education as a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence in 1998-99. Hastings High School was named a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence in 2001-02.

Continuous attention is given to establishing a strong groundwork so that each child develops, and maintains, delight in the world of education. Students are encouraged to explore and inquire. The Hastings Schools allow each student to experience the joy of doing, learning and becoming. Teachers focus on the development and promotion of academic and cognitive skills, problem-solving abilities, and appreciation for the arts, society and the world. Extra-curricular activities are an integral part of the school experience and a vast majority of the student body participate in a wide variety of sports and clubs.

Students' individual needs are understood and addressed. Because of the size of the district, staff members know each student and each family. A dedicated Board of Education, a very strong leadership team, exceptional teachers, high expectations for student achievement, help for parents in developing methods to assist their children, concern for the total development of all students and strong community support are important contributors to the success of the Hastings-on-Hudson schools.

Hendrick Hudson Central School District

61 Trolley Road, Montrose, NY 10548

Telephone: (914) 737-7500 **Fax:** (914) 736-5242

Superintendent: Mrs. Joan Thompson **Board President:** Ms. Ellette Chatkin

E-Mail: jthompson@henhud.k12.ny.us **Web Site:** www.henhud.k12.ny.us

District Information:

Population: 16,884

Town(s) Collecting Taxes: Cortlandt

Villages Served: City of Peekskill (small section), Town of Cortlandt, Village of Buchanan, Hamlet of Verplanck, Cortlandt Manor, Crugers, Croton on Hudson, Montrose

Zip Codes Within District: 10548, 10566, 10567, 10520, 10596, 10521, 10511

Enrollment: 2,944

Name/Grade Levels of School Buildings:

Buchanan-Verplanck K-5

Staff

Certified: 290

Non-Certified: 233

Transportation:

District Size (sq. miles): 22

Number of Walkers: 104

Number of Students Bused:

To Public Schools: 2,829

To Non-Public Schools: 155

In District Distance Limits/Free:

Furnace Woods K-5
 Frank G. Lindsey K-5
 Blue Mountain Middle School 6-8
 Hendrick Hudson High School 9-12

Kindergarten:

full day 5 yrs by 12/1

Average Class Size:

K-2 - 20

3-6 - 23

6-8 Eng/SS - 21

9-12 Eng/SS - 21

Child Care: Before and after by the The Mother Connection

K-5 - 0.5 mile

6-12 - 1

Private/Parochial Schools:

Number Who Attend: 150

Number of Schools Attended: 14

Costs:

Total Budget (2004-05): \$53,620,270.00

Per Pupil Cost (2004-05): \$18,213.00

Portion of Above Paid By Local Tax: \$6,340.00

True Value Tax Rate (2004-05): \$8.55

The Hendrick Hudson School District is committed to providing an excellent education for all of our students. This year the district is completing its strategic planning process in conjunction with the Cambridge Group. Its many outstanding features include a full-day kindergarten program and a balanced assessment program. An enrichment/gifted program is offered and full special education services are available. State of the art library/media centers are at each school.

Hendrick Hudson High School, completing a thirty million dollar addition/renovation, offers a comprehensive program of honors, A.P. and college level courses in a full Regents program with special education services provided where needed and technical training through BOCES. The Guidance Department provides full academic, personal and career counseling, and college placement. The school also boasts a band and orchestra, a Supportive Learning Center, and a range of academic intervention services.

Students may choose to participate from among 40 interscholastic sports teams (many of which have been "champions") and extracurricular activities including a nationally ranked debate team, mathletes, newspaper, literary magazine, drama, internet, Student Organization, and art, science and foreign language clubs.

Blue Mountain Middle School emphasizes student responsibility in a full academic program offered in teaching teams. A Unified Arts Program, general and instrumental music, foreign languages, performing arts opportunities, full guidance program, intramural and interscholastic sports and varied co-curricular activities are provided.

The three elementary schools provide K-5 children with programs aligned with NYSED standards promoting their social, emotional and physical development. Children are grouped heterogeneously, with provision for various ability levels in math and reading. Special instruction is offered in art, computers, general and instrumental music, physical education and library skills. Cultural Enrichment Programs are special features which bring shows, speakers and hands on demonstration to each school.

The Board of Education and administration sets goals each year to maximize educational progress for every student. **Back to Top**

Irvington Union Free School District

40 North Broadway, Irvington, NY 10533-1328

Telephone: (914) 591-8502 **Fax:** (914) 591-9781

Superintendent: Dr. Kathleen Matusiak **Board President:** Mrs. Penelope Delany

Email: kmatusiak@irvingtonschools.k12.ny.us **Web Site:** www.irvingtonschools.org

Staff:

District Information:**Population:** 7,000**Town(s) Collecting Taxes:** Town of Greenburgh**Villages Served:** Irvington, Tarrytown, Ardsley on Hudson**Zip Codes Within District:** 10533, 10591, 10503**Enrollment:** 2,029**Name/Grade Levels of School Buildings:**

Dows Lane Elementary School K-3

Main Street School 4-5

Irvington Middle School 6-8

Irvington High School 9-12

Kindergarten:

extended 5 yrs by 12/31

Average Class Size:

K-2 - 19

3-6 - 20

7-8 Eng/SS - 20

9-12 Eng/SS - 19

Child Care: Mascia Child Care Center, Jewish Community Center on Hudson, Irvington Children's Center**Certified:** 208**Non-Certified:** 119**Transportation:****District Size** (sq. miles): 4.5**Number of Walkers:** 594**Number of Students Bused:****To Public Schools:** 1,372**To Non-Public Schools:** 139**In District Distance Limits/Free:**

K-5 - 0.25 mile

6-8 - 1.25

9-12 - 1.5

Private/Parochial Schools:

Number Who Attend: 139

Number of Schools Attended: 21

Costs:

Total Budget (2004-05): \$38,545,252.00

Per Pupil Cost (2004-05): \$18,997.00

Portion of Above Paid By Local Tax: \$13,557.00

True Value Tax Rate (2004-05): \$14.42

Irvington is located on the Hudson River, 23 miles north of New York City. Washington Irving, for whom the town is named, called it "a beautiful spot, capable of being made a little paradise."

The population of Irvington is 7,000. It is a suburban community, where many parents commute to New York City or to one of the growing business centers in the county or Connecticut. High end construction of new single-family homes and condominiums attracts residents interested in a small community with quality schools.

Most of Irvington's residents are college graduates who have high expectations and very strong support for education. Through the active PTSA, most parents are very involved in the educational system, where they participate in volunteer activities and serve on district-wide committees.

The district also has a strong Irvington Education Foundation, that provides generous grants to the district to enrich the curriculum or students.

The mission of the Irvington School District is to help each student discover and achieve his or her highest potential. Students, parents and staff are all joined in the pursuit of academic excellence and personal growth in a caring environment. Four schools serve the district to achieve that mission: Irvington High School, Irvington Middle School, the Main Street School (4-5) and Dows Lane Elementary School (K-3).

Faced with growing student enrollment, district voters in 2000 passed a \$47 million bond issue with a new Middle School as the center and highlight of the project. In the fall of 2003, the district opened the new, state-of-the-art Middle School, located on the Irvington High School campus. In addition to sharing a new common campus area, the two schools share a modern library, cafeteria, science wing, theater, gym and fitness center.

At Irvington High School, which was selected as a National School of Excellence in 1992, 93 percent of the seniors go on to college. Students may select from a wide array of courses, including 19 Advanced Placement courses (many of which have open enrollment); Science Research, Forensics, Advanced Photography, Peer Leadership, Syracuse University Project Advance English, and a college level course in French. Other electives are offered in the arts, business, and the other academic areas.

Students at the school are frequently recognized for their academic, musical and athletic skills in addition to their generosity of spirit in contributing to their peers, their school and their community through service organizations.

Katonah-Lewisboro UFSD

P.O. Box 387, Katonah, NY 10536-0387

Telephone: (914) 763-7003 **Fax:** (914) 763-7033**Superintendent:** Dr. Robert Lichtenfeld **Board President:** Mr. Donald B. Scott**Web Site:** www.klschools.org**District Information:****Population:** 19,850**Town(s) Collecting Taxes:** Pound Ridge, North Salem, Bedford, Lewisboro**Villages Served:** Katonah, Goldens Bridge, Pound Ridge, Cross River, Waccabuc, South Salem, North Salem**Zip Code: Within District:** 10518, 10526, 10536, 10560, 10576, 10590, 10597**Enrollment:** 4,008**Name/Grade Levels of School Buildings:**

Katonah Elementary School K-5

Lewisboro Elementary School K-5

Meadow Pond Elementary School K-5

Increase Miller Elementary School K-5

John Jay Middle School 6-8

John Jay High School 9-12

Kindergarten:

half day 5 yrs on or by 12/1

Average Class Size:

K-2 - 20

3-5 - 22

6-8 Eng/SS - 25

9-12 Eng/SS - 22

Child Care: on school site provided by community Country Children's Center**Staff:****Certified:** 441**Non-Certified:** 254**Transportation:****District Size** (sq. miles): 55**Number of Walkers:** 90**Number of Students Bused:****To Public Schools:** 4,111**To Non-Public Schools:** 349**In District Distance Limits/Free:**

K-5 - 0.5 mile

6-12 - 1

Private/Parochial Schools:

Number Who Attend: 349

Number of Schools Attended: 34

Costs:

Total Budget (2004-05): \$85,629,792.00

Per Pupil Cost (2004-05): \$21,367.00

Portion of Above Paid By Local Tax: \$17,251.00

True Value Tax Rate (2004-05): \$15.62

The Katonah-Lewisboro School District, with an area of about 55 square miles and an estimated population of 19,850 is located approximately 45 miles north of New York City in the northeastern part of Westchester County.

The school district is one of the New York State's union free school districts and its students are found in six (6) schools: four (4) K-5 elementary schools; a grades 6-8 middle school (John Jay); and a grades 9-12 high school (John Jay). Ninety-four percent of the graduates go on to college.

Each elementary school has a full-time teacher of resource room, remedial reading, physical education, art, music, and a librarian. In addition, there are the shared services of a psychologist, language therapist, and instrumental music teachers. John Jay High School has a wide variety of elective course offerings from skill level programs to honors and advanced placement courses. In addition, the secondary schools have extensive interscholastic, intramural, performing and fine arts programs.

The curriculum format for the schools focuses on the development of strong basic skills through a challenging curriculum leading to solid academic preparation for college and other post-secondary objectives. Our students consistently score among the top percentiles on the New York State tests and compare favorably with independent school norms on standardized tests. There is respect for individual differences among pupils and an expectation of excellence in teacher performance and program management.

In a community concerned about the public education program and its sound management, the Katonah-Lewisboro School District has been sensitive to public sentiment. The district is known for competence in performance and credibility in its relationship to the community from whom it seeks support.

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Lakeland Central School District

1086 East Main Street, Shrub Oak, NY 10588

Telephone: (914) 245-1700 **Fax:** (914) 245-4391

Superintendent: Dr. Barnett Sturm **Board President:** Ms. Carol Ann Dobson

Web Site: www.lakelandschools.org

District Information:

Population: 32,500

Town(s) Collecting Taxes: Cortlandt, Yorktown, Somers, Putnam

Villages Served: Peekskill, Continental Village, Garrison, Putnam Valley, Mahopac, Somers, Yorktown Heights, Mohegan Lake, Shrub Oak, Jefferson Valley, Crompond

Zip Codes Within District: 10517, 10535, 10537, 10541, 10547, 10566, 10567, 10579, 10588, 10589, 10598

Enrollment: 6,018

Name/Grade Levels of School Buildings:

Benjamin Franklin Elementary School K-5

George Washington Elementary School K-5

Lincoln-Titus Elementary School K-5

Thomas Jefferson Elementary K-5

Van Cortlandtville Elementary K-5

Lakeland Copper Beech Middle School 6-8

Lakeland High School 9-12

Walter Panas High School 9-12

Lakeland Alternative High School 9-12

Kindergarten:

half day 5 yrs by 12/1

Average Class Size:

K-2 - 21

3-6 - 23

7-8 Eng/SS - 25

9-12 Eng/SS - 23

Staff:

Certified: 478

Non-Certified: 559

Transportation:

District Size (sq. miles): 42

Number of Students Bused:

To Public Schools: all

To Non-Public Schools: 800

In District Distance Limits/Free:

K-12 - all

Private/Parochial Schools:

Number Who Attend: 800

Number of Schools Attended: 2

Costs:

Total Budget (2004-05): \$106,863,763.00

Per Pupil Cost (2004-05): \$17,757.00

Portion of Above Paid By Local Tax: \$8,749.00

True Value Tax Rate (2004-2005): \$12.81

Located in the northwest corner of Westchester County, the Lakeland Central School District is the largest suburban district in the county encompassing an area of approximately 42 square miles.

The Lakeland Board of Education is committed to providing its students with the best opportunities for achieving excellence in education. It consistently strives to maintain the highest standards in excellence in meeting individual needs of its students. Literacy and math initiatives are underway district wide. Opportunities for growth are available for all students. The addition of computers in every classroom from elementary school to high school provides a sound basis for our students in today's world of high technology. Our elementary schools offer programs to grades K-5 in all subjects including science, math, social studies, reading, spelling, penmanship, music, art, computers, health and

physical education.

The middle school offers a full range of courses to students in all subject areas. A large number of clubs and activities provide students with additional educational opportunities.

A full program of electives and 22 Advanced Placement courses are offered at the high schools along with the core courses at Lakeland's two comprehensive high schools (grades 9-12). The high school students have been named National Merit finalists and semifinalists and attend a full range of the top colleges and universities in the country.

Lakeland music students continually gain recognition at the state level in vocal as well as instrumental and performance areas. Members of the high school's Future Leaders of America have turned in outstanding achievements in state and national competitions. The District's debate team is nationally recognized. Student athletes are consistently honored for their expertise in both the classroom and on the field of play.

A comprehensive co-curricular program offers students additional educational opportunities ranging from student government and theater arts to over 30 interscholastic sports teams for both boys and girls.

Mahopac Central School District

179 East Lake Blvd., Mahopac, NY 10541

Telephone: (845) 628-3415 **Fax:** (845) 628-5502

Superintendent: Dr. Robert J. Reidy **Board President:** Mrs. Vinnie Trinchitella

E-Mail: reidyr@mahopac.k12.ny.us **Web Site:** www.mahopac.k12.ny.us

District Information:

Population: 33,000

Town(s) Collecting Taxes: Carmel, Mahopac School District

Villages Served: Mahopac, part of Town of Putnam Valley

Zip Code: Within District: 10512, 10541, 10542, 10579

Enrollment: 5,216

Name/Grade Levels of School Buildings:

Mahopac Falls School K

Austin Road Elementary School 1-5

Fulmar Road Elementary School 1-5

Lakeview Elementary School 1-5

Mahopac Middle School 6-8

Mahopac High School 9-12

Secor Building Alternative HS

Kindergarten:

half day 5 yrs by 12/1

Average Class Size:

K-2 - 23

3-5 - 24

6-8 Eng/SS - 25

9-12 Eng/SS - 25

Staff:

Certified: 520

Non-Certified: 347

Transportation:

District Size (sq. miles): 32

Number of Walkers:

Number of Students Bused:

To Public Schools: 5,347

To Non-Public Schools: 306

In District Distance Limits/Free
unlimited

Private/Parochial Schools:

Number Who Attend: 306

Number of Schools Attended: 23

Costs:

Total Budget (2004-05) : \$83,777,777.00

Per Pupil Cost (2004-05): \$16,062.00

Portion of Above Paid By Local Tax: \$9,902.00

True Value Tax Rate (2003-04): \$15.20

The Mahopac School District is a full service school district affording a full range of programs for a diverse population.

The school district has a comprehensive program of study from kindergarten through 12th grade. Due to its size and philosophy, the school district is able to afford and implement a program of study for the less academically able student to the most successful and ambitious

student.

In addition to its regular school day programs of study, Mahopac also offers a complete and comprehensive program in co-curricular and interscholastic athletics that are designed to satisfy a wide range of student interests.

Mahopac is considered by national organizations such as the Institute for the Transfer of Technology to Education, the National School Boards Association, and a variety of corporations dealing with educational technology as offering an avant-garde, complete program in the use of computers in education.

Five of the Mahopac Schools have been designated as Schools of Excellence. All elementary schools are Schools of Excellence as designated by the U.S. Department of Education while the high and middle schools are so named by the NYS Department of Education. Mahopac High School has been assigned the status of "A" through an independent study conducted by SUNY Albany, Department of Public Policy. In a separate study, Mahopac High School was ranked 33rd out of the 200 highest achieving high schools in New York State. As of September 1999, we have a kindergarten center at the Falls School.

Additionally, the school district has an enviable record of school finance as it relates to local school taxes, boasting an average tax rate increase of 6.6% annually for the past 10 years. As a result, Mahopac residents have comfortably supported 10 straight school budgets and 10 bus referendums over the years.

The Mahopac education program is housed in six modern, well-maintained and attractive school buildings that satisfy all expectations for an appropriate physical setting for children.

The net result of a sound and complete educational program, appropriately staffed by professionals in modern, well-equipped buildings is a student body that achieves well above national norms in all academic areas. Additionally, the Mahopac Schools are involved in participation with the New York Medical College, Polytechnic University, Syracuse University, Bard College, Avon Corporation, Westchester Marriott and Toyota Corporation.

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Mamaroneck Union Free School District

1000 West Boston Post Road, Mamaroneck, NY 10543

Telephone: (914) 220-3000 **Fax:** (914) 220-3010

Superintendent: Dr. Sherry P. King **Board President:** Ms. Celia Felsher

Email: rosenj@mamkschools.org **Web Site:** www.mamkschools.org

District Information:

Population: 35,400

Town(s) Collecting Taxes: Mamaroneck

Villages Served: Mamaroneck, Larchmont

Zip Codes Within District: 10538, 10543

***(2003-2004) Enrollment:** 4,801

Name/Grade Levels of School Buildings:

Mamaroneck Avenue School Pre-K-5

Central School K-5

Chatsworth School K-5

Murray Avenue School K-5

Hommocks Middle School 6-8

Mamaroneck High School 9-12

Kindergarten:

5 mornings, 3 afternoons 5 yrs by 12/31

Average Class Size:

K-2 - 20

3-5 - 21

Staff:

Certified: 463

Non-Certified: 378

Transportation:

District Size (sq. miles): 9

Number of Walkers: 4,393

Number of Students Bused:

To Public Schools: 369

To Non-Public Schools: 484

In District Distance Limits/Free:

K-12 as state mandated

Private/Parochial Schools:

Number Who Attend: 375

Number of Schools Attended: 17

Certs:

Total Budget (2004-05): \$89,498,600.00

*(2003-04) Per Pupil Cost: \$17,033.00

6-8 Eng/SS - 23
9-12 Eng/SS - 22

*(2003-2004) Portion of Above Paid
By Local Tax: \$13,967.00
True Value Tax Rate (2004-05): \$10.59

Child Care: Children's Corner; KEEPS

Mamaroneck Union Free School District is located in Westchester County on Long Island Sound in suburban Larchmont/Mamaroneck only 23 miles from Manhattan. Our nine square mile school district is composed of three small communities - the Village of Larchmont, the Village of Mamaroneck, and the unincorporated area of Mamaroneck. A total of 35,400 people of diverse economic, religious, and ethnic backgrounds reside here. Residents are unusually proud of the diversity represented in the community. The community, with small homes, apartments, luxury estates, and some business and industry, offers swimming, sailing, fishing, ice skating, golf, tennis and other sports. These activities, coupled with the unmatched museums, theater, and opera of near-by Manhattan, enhance the quality of life for our residents.

Our community is justifiably proud of its schools and of promoting intellectual enrichment and an appreciation of learning as an inherently rewarding activity. Our teachers are committed to the goal of helping each student develop to his/her full potential. Our imagination, our support of good new ideas, and our drive for educational excellence have produced: 15 advanced placement courses; 10 honors courses; accelerated and alternative programs; extensive enrichment, fine and performing arts and music programs; an extensive integrated technology program; special education programs and supportive services in reading, ESL, speech, guidance and psychological services; an extended-day kindergarten program; a system-wide emphasis on literacy/language arts; and, most important, a professional staff that is unusually talented and committed.

Mount Pleasant Central School District

West Lake Drive, Thornwood, NY 10594

Telephone: (914) 769-5500 **Fax:** (914) 769-3733

Superintendent: Dr. Alfred Lodovico **Board President:** Mr. Walter Matystik

Web Site: <http://mtplcsd.org>

District Information:

Population: 8,000

Town(s) Collecting Taxes: Mt. Pleasant, North Castle

Villages Served: Hamlets of Hawthorne and Thornwood, part of Valhalla, part of Village of Pleasantville

Zip Codes: Within District: 10532, 10570, 10594, 10595

Enrollment: 1,918

Name/Grade Levels of School Buildings:

Hawthorne Elementary School K-1

Columbus Elementary School 2-4

Westlake Middle School 5-8

Westlake High School 9-12

Kindergarten:

full day 5 yrs by 12/1

Average Class Size:

Staff:

Certified: 200

Non-Certified: 94

Transportation:

District Size (sq. miles): 25

Number of Students Based:

To Public Schools: all

To Non-Public Schools: 249

Private/Parochial Schools:

Number Who Attend: 249

Number of Schools Attended: 26

Costs:

Total Budget (2004-05): \$37,379,535.00

K-1 - 22
2-4 - 22-26
5-8 Eng/SS - 25

Per Pupil Cost (2004-05): \$19,489.00
Portion of Above Paid By Local Tax: \$14,439.00
True Value Tax Rate (2004-05): \$11.58

The Mount Pleasant Central School District serves a suburban area in Central Westchester County including the hamlets of Hawthorne and Thornwood, part of the hamlet of Valhalla and a portion of the Village of Pleasantville. The school district has a comprehensive educational program that is served in four modern educational facilities centrally located in the community. A recently approved \$25 million renovation plan will significantly increase the size of the two elementary schools as well as renovate areas in the Middle School, the High School and replace the existing track with an all-weather track. Work is scheduled to begin at the two elementary schools in December 2003.

Westlake High School serves grades 9-12 and is located on a beautiful 44 acre site in Thornwood. The high school has a comprehensive program with over 150 courses in 13 departments featuring AP, Honors, Regents and general level programs. Academically the high school features a comprehensive Computer Instruction Program and a College Articulation Program in cooperation with Mercy College. Extensive extracurricular activities provide opportunities in the area of dramatics, music, athletics and individual subject specialties. The high school has been chosen by the State Education Department as one of the State's top secondary schools.

The Westlake Middle School is situated on the same campus as Westlake High School and serves grades 5-8. Academic excellence is a hallmark of the Westlake Middle School which twice in three years has been named one of the State's outstanding secondary schools. Academic challenges are provided at all levels including a program for the Gifted and Talented and an Academic Excellence program. Computer instruction is featured, and all grade levels enjoy modern Science Labs, Leadership Training and Expanded Technology and Career Skills Program. In accordance with the needs of early adolescent children, an outstanding co-curricular program is provided with a Music Program featuring concert and jazz bands, choral and annual music productions and concerts. The co-curricular program also includes a comprehensive athletic involvement program.

Columbus Elementary School, located on a 25 acre site in Thornwood, provides an outstanding educational program for grades 2-4. All achievement test results far surpass State and national averages. The staff provides an individually oriented instruction program which provides challenges for students of all academic abilities. The Columbus School has piloted a highly successful Unified Arts Program, established an accelerated reading program with Hawthorne Elementary School and an Integrated Computer Learning Curriculum and developed an innovative Science/Technology/Social Studies Program. A hands-on Geography Program as been developed and each spring the school features a visiting authors Book Week Writing Program. The activities for the students include Student Newspaper, Student Council, and a comprehensive Music Program including band and choral instruction.

The Hawthorne Elementary School, located on 17 acres in the hamlet of Hawthorne, provides children in K-1 with an excellent foundation for future education through a solid mastery of basic skills. The natural curiosity and desire to learn in young children are encouraged in a warm and nurturing environment fostering the children's social, emotional and physical development. The primary program at Hawthorne includes:

- A full-day Kindergarten Program which has won accolades from national education experts.
- A Big Book Children's Literature approach to language arts teaching which has been highly successful in teaching and encouraging children to read.
- Classroom Learning Centers which promote independent teacher-directed learning.
- A new Supplemental Language Development Program which provides additional small group and individual instruction.
- Other features include SCISS hands-on science experience observation instruction; Resource Room Instruction; Comprehensive music, art and physical education programs and Visiting Authors Program

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Mount Vernon City School District

165 No. Columbus Avenue, Mount Vernon, NY 10553

Telephone: (914) 665-5000 **Fax:** (914) 665-6077**Superintendent:** Mrs. Brenda L. Smith **Board President:** Rev. Dr. Rose Niles-McCrary**Email:** bsmith@mtvernon.lhric.org **Web Site:** www.mtvernon.csd.org**District Information:****Population:** 68,381**Town(s) Collecting Taxes:** City of Mt. Vernon**Villages Served:** City of Mt. Vernon**Zip Code:** Within District: 10550, 10551, 10552, 10553**Enrollment:** 10,495**Name/Grade Levels of School Buildings:**

Holmes School Pre-K-6

Longfellow School Pre-K-6

Thornton School Pre-K-6

Williams School Pre-K-6

Columbus School Pre-K-6

Graham School K-6

Hamilton School K-6

Lincoln School K-6

Parker School K-6

Pennington-Grimes School Pre-K-6

Traphagen School Pre-K-6

Davis School 7-8

Franko Middle School 7-8

Mt. Vernon High School 9-12

Mandella Community Alternative H.S. 9-12

Kindergarten:

full day 5 yrs by 12/31

Average Class Size:

K-2 - 26

3-5 - 28

6-8 Eng/SS - 28

9-12 Eng/SS - 28

Staff:**Certified:** 934**Non-Certified:** 389**Transportation:****District Size** (sq. miles): 4**Number of Walkers:** 9,111**Number of Student Based:****To Public Schools:** 1,229**To Non-Public Schools:** 21**In District Distance Limits/Free:**

K-12 1.5 mile

Private/Parochial Schools:

Number Who Attend: 781

Number of Schools Attended: 3

Costs:

Total Budget (2004-05): \$138,394,595.00

Per Pupil Cost (2004-05): \$13,187.00

Portion of Above Paid By Local Tax: \$6,067.00

True Value Tax Rate (2003-05): \$15.56

The Mount Vernon Public Schools, located in southern Westchester County, is an education system which is proud of the outstanding standards-based program it offers to its diverse school population. According to the 1990 census, Mount Vernon has 67,000 people living in 4.2 square miles; this makes Mount Vernon one of the ten most densely populated communities in the United States. While parts of Mount Vernon reflect the affluent suburban environment that is traditionally associated with Westchester County, other parts more closely resemble Bronx County with which it shares a common border. The district contains eleven (11) elementary schools, two (2) middle schools, one (1) community alternative High School and one (1) 3,000 student comprehensive High School. In all there are over 10,000 students in attendance.

Those who visit the district are keenly aware of the clearly articulated mission that focuses on academic achievement, as well as, the needs

of the whole child. The schools focus on student success and achievement, have restructured curriculum (Kindergarten through Grade 12) to align with New York State Learning Standards, and offer instructional technology that is designed to support classroom learning. Additionally, Mt. Vernon students can expect a wide range of programming that is exciting, challenging and excellent preparation for the global community that is their present and future world. June graduates were accepted in the finest educational institutions in the U.S. including Harvard, Princeton, Yale, MIT, Duke, Brown, and Columbia.

A great asset of this system is the richness of diversity that exists and the programs that respond to this heterogeneity. The Mount Vernon Public School System offers equity and excellence to all its students and is truly a dynamic, vital engine for the forward advancement of the whole learning community.

New Rochelle City School District

515 North Avenue, New Rochelle, NY 10801

Telephone: (914) 576-4300 **Fax:** (914) 632-4144

Superintendent: Ms. Linda E. Kelly **Board President:** Ms. Nadine E. Wallace

Web Site: www.NRED.org

District Information:

Population: 72,182

Town(s) Collecting Taxes: City of New Rochelle

Villages Served:

Zip Code: Within District: 10801-05, New Rochelle with Scarsdale PO - 10583

Enrollment: 10,575

Name/Grade Levels of School Buildings:

Barnard Early Childhood Center PreK-2
Columbus Magnet Elementary School Pre-K-2
Daniel Webster Magnet Elementary School K-5
George M. Davis Jr. Elementary School K-5
Jefferson Elementary School K-5
Trinity Magnet Elementary School K-5
William B. Ward Elementary School K-5
Albert Leonard Middle School 6-8
Isaac E. Young Middle School 6-8
New Rochell High School 9-12

Kindergarten:

Barnard Magnet Program and CILA programs
at Trinity and Ward schools - full day
In Elementary Schools half day
Entrance to K 5 yrs by 12/31

Average Class Size:

K-2 - 22

3-5 - 23

6-8 Eng/SS -23

9-12 Eng/SS -24

Staff:

Certified: 1,000

Non-Certified: 382

Transportation:

District Size (sq. miles): 10.5

Number of Walkers: 4,630

Number of Students Based:

To Public Schools: 6,231

To Non-Public Schools: 784

In District Distance Limits/Free:

If more than 1.5 miles

Private/Parochial Schools:

Number Who Attend: 1,857

Number of Schools Attended: 34

Costs:

Total Budget (2004-05): \$167,330,000.00

Per Pupil Cost (2004-05): \$15,824.00

Portion of Above Paid By Local Tax: \$10,458.00

True Value Tax Rate (2004-05): \$13.65

Child Care: Community groups sponsor activities at elementary schools.

The New Rochelle City School District is known as an award winning school system that offers a comprehensive educational program. The district provides an intellectual and social environment sensitive to the needs of each of its diverse students. A challenging and responsive K-12 curriculum, favorable class sizes and a dedicated and knowledgeable faculty with high expectations enables students to gain the knowledge, confidence and experience necessary for success.

The Early Childhood Center program for pre-kindergarten, a full-day kindergarten and first and second grades, is based on an internationally recognized model that fosters child exploration and expression and emphasizes learning readiness. The Columbus Science Math Technology Magnet Elementary School offers sequential experiences that incorporate innovations in education. Since 1984 the district has offered a successful humanities K-5 magnet program at the Daniel Webster Magnet Elementary School, a Blue Ribbon School. The Magnet Overlay Program at the Davis Elementary School provides an enriched instructional program emphasizing the performing arts. Trinity Elementary School, a neighborhood magnet school, offers a program in Communication Arts and Technology. The Ward Elementary School features an international theme coupled with positive character values. The Isaac Young Middle School was named a Blue Ribbon School.

Broadened educational perspectives include a pre-kindergarten program, a model full-time district gifted program called Kaleidoscope, a K-12 computer education program with computer labs in all schools, English-As-A-Second-Language and dual-language classes, and innovative Arts programs. A broad range of support services and a multifaceted Special Education program, which focus on the individual needs of a diverse student body, are provided.

New Rochelle High School, twice named a national Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, offers over 180 courses including honors, research and advanced placement courses, and a Performing and Visual Arts program. 94% of NRHS seniors are accepted to college. Our high school students earn accolades in the National Merit Achievement Scholarship competitions, the highly competitive Intel Science Talent Search Scholarship contest, 2003 NYS Football Championship, and other competitive national programs.

Complementing the instructional program, multiple co - and extra - curricular activities and interscholastic sports offer students numerous opportunities for developing leadership skills, providing community service and extending intellectual, social, artistic and athletic interests **[Back to Top](#)**

North Salem Central School District

230 June Road, North Salem, NY 10560

Telephone: (914) 669-5414 **Fax:** (914) 669-8753

Superintendent: Dr. Peter Litchka **Board President:** Ms. Carla Palma

Web Site: www.northsalem.k12.ny.us

District Information:

Population: 5,300

Town(s) Collecting Taxes: Carmel, North Salem, Somers, Southeast

Villages Served: Brewster, Carmel, Croton Falls, North Salem, Purdys, Somers,

Zip Code: Within District: 10560, 10509, 10512, 10578, 10519, 10589, 10541

Enrollment: 1,350

Name/Grade Levels of School Buildings:

Pequenakonck Elementary School K-5

North Salem Middle/High School 6-12

Kindergarten:

half day 5 yrs by 12/1

Staff:

Certified: 143

Non-Certified: 109

Transportation:

District Size (sq. miles): 32

Number of Students Bused:

To Public Schools: all

To Non-Public Schools: 117

In District Distance Limits/Free:

K - 0.25 mile

1-12 - 0.5

Private/Parochial Schools:

Average Class Size:

K-2 - 17
 3-5 - 22
 6-8 Eng/SS - 22
 9-12 Eng/SS - 20

Number Who Attend: 117

Number of Schools Attended: 18

Costs:

Total Budget (2004-05): \$30,250,875.00
 Per Pupil Cost (2004-05): \$22,416.00
 Portion of Above Paid By Local Tax: \$18,247.00
 True Value Tax Rate (2004-05): \$13.59

Child Care: after school sponsored by YMCA on school premises**COMMUNITY**

North Salem, is a rural community dotted with picturesque lakes, twisting country lanes, and sprawling horse farms. Close to major highways and rail traffic, the community offers its inhabitants the best of both worlds - the employment and the culture of metropolitan New York and the security and the quiet of a rural setting.

The Hammond Museum, with its extensive art collection and its varied concert programs, helps to meet the cultural needs of the townspeople while their recreational requirements are fulfilled by an excellent public library, a well-maintained park, and an active town recreation program.

SCHOOL DISTRICT

The North Salem School District includes Pequenaconk Elementary School, the North Salem Middle School, and a comprehensive 9-12 High School. The district's commitment to small class sizes encourages the use of a variety of teaching techniques across grade levels and the disciplines. An active PTO provides an exceptional after-school activity program for all students in grades kindergarten through five.

Middle School students enjoy a solid curriculum complemented by both honors and gifted opportunities, as well as, a variety of exploratory courses, trips to Washington and Boston and co - curricular and intramural activities. The High School offers 12 advanced placement courses, numerous programs in the art studio and the performing arts, and a host of intramural and interscholastic sports. Over 96% of the Class of 2002 went on to higher education.

Without question, the strength of the district lies within its people - the enthusiasm of its students, the dedication of its staff, and the support of its parents, Board of Education, and community.

Ossining Union Free School District

190 Croton Avenue, Ossining, NY 10562

Telephone: (914) 941-7700 **Fax:** (914) 941-2794**Superintendent:** Dr. Robert J. Roelle **Board Presidents:** Mr. Thomas Knight**Web Site:** www.ossiningufsd.org**District Information:****Population:** 33,047**Town(s) Collecting Taxes:** Ossining, New Castle, Yorktown**Villages Served:** Ossining, parts of: Briardiff Manor**Zip Code: Within District:** 10510, 10562, 10598**Enrollment:** 4,132**Name/Grade Levels of School Buildings:****Staff:****Certified:** 568**Non-Certified:** 192**Transportation:****District Size (sq. miles):** 17.22**Number of Walkers:** 1,488**Number of Students Bused:****To Public Schools:** 3,058

Roosevelt School Pre-K
 Park Early Childhood Center K-1
 Brookside Elementary School 2-3
 Claremont Elementary School 4-5
 Anne M. Dorner Middle School 6-8
 Ossining High School 9-12

Kindergartens:

full day 5 yrs by 12/1

Average Class Size:

K - 19

1-3 - 19

4-5 - 23

6-12 Eng/SS - 24

**To Non-Public Schools: 640
 In District Distance Limits/Free:**

K-3 - 0.5 mile

4-8 - 1

9-12 - 1.5

Private/Parochial Schools:

Number Who Attend: 665

Number of Schools Attended: 31

Costs:

Total Budget (2004-05): \$77,070,589.00

Per Pupil Cost (2004-05): \$18,652.00

Portion of Above Paid By Local Tax: \$12,166.00

True Value Tax Rate (2004-05): \$16.17

Over the years, the Ossining School District has pursued a goal of academic excellence. The academic programs are of the highest standard.

One of the community and school district's greatest strengths is the diversity of the population. The heterogeneity of Ossining's population reflects an almost perfect microcosm of the racial, ethnic, religious and socio-economic diversity of the nation as a whole. This gives the students the opportunity to attend school with a population that is truly representative of the country. Located 30 miles north of New York City along the Hudson River, the area has a natural scenic beauty and a population of over 33,000.

The Ossining School District has developed a unique solution to provide integrated education for every resident. Under the "Ossining Plan", students progress through the grades as a cohesive group. Elementary-school-age children attend one of four schools. The Roosevelt School educates pre-kindergarten children; Park Early Childhood Center contains kindergarten through first grade; Brookside School houses grades two and three; and Claremont School contains grades four and five. Decisions affecting pupil placement, curriculum development, deployment of resources, special programs and staff development can be made more appropriately by housing all children in the same grade level in one building.

The elementary schools are distinguished by a small class size, breakfast and lunch programs, computer opportunities starting in Full Day Kindergarten, an extensive arts program and a funded pre-kindergarten program for three and four - year - olds. A program for newborns to three year olds begins children's education from birth.

Grades six through eight attend Anne M. Dorner Middle School which has such programs as language instruction beginning in seventh grade, a computer-assisted math lab, environmental studies, and many accelerated courses. Students can expect to make use of a brand new, fully equipped computer lab and television studio. A comprehensive arts program consists of classroom music and art, orchestra, band, chorus, and an after school jazz ensemble.

Ossining High School offers a full array of courses for college bound students and others. Among its many programs are advanced placement courses in all academic subjects, the Syracuse University Project Advance course leading to college credit in English and calculus, an award winning Science Research Program, four and five year sequences of foreign language, outstanding performing arts programs, a television station and a complete range of athletic teams. The College Board annually recognizes Ossining students for their outstanding achievement on Advanced Placement examinations. There are 116 professional staff members at the High School, 94 percent of whom hold advanced degrees.

Community involvement in the School District is extensive and encouraged, and parents assist in classrooms and libraries, and help with special activities in all the schools.

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Peekskill City School District

1031 Elm Street, Peekskill, NY 10566

Telephone: (914) 737-3300 **Fax:** (914) 737-3912

Superintendent: Ms. Judith Johnson **Board President:** Dr. Connie Lobur
E-Mail: jjohnson@peekskillcsd.com **Web Site:** www.peekskillcsd.org

District Information:**Population:** 22,441**Town(s) Collecting Taxes:** City of Peekskill**Village(s) Served:** City of Peekskill**Zip Code(s) Within District:** 10566**Enrollment:** 3,046**Name/Grade Levels of School Buildings:**

Uriah Hill Jr. Early Childhood Center ECC-Pre-K-K

Oaksdale Elementary School 1-2

Woodside Elementary School 3-4

Hillcrest Elementary School 5-6

Peekskill Middle School 7-8

Peekskill Alternative School (Park St.) 9-12

Peekskill High School 9-12

Kindergarten:

full day 5 yrs by 12/1

Average Class Size:

K - 16

1-3 - 24

4 - 24

5 - 23

6 - 23

7-8 Eng/SS - 25

9-12 Eng/SS - 28

Child Care: after school program on school site provided by school**Staff:****Certified:** 303**Non-Certified:** 159**Transportation:****District Size (sq. miles):** 4.3**Number of Walkers:****Number of Students Bused:****To Public Schools:** 1,059**To Non-Public Schools:** 117**In District Distance Limits/Free:**

K-2 - .5-2.8 miles

3-6 - 1-2.8 miles

private schools only 4-15.6 miles

Private/Parochial Schools:

Number Who Attend: 469

Number of Schools Attended: 19

Costs:

Total Budget (2004-05): \$54,035,675.00

Per Pupil Cost (2004-05): \$17,740.00

Portion of Above Paid By Local Tax: \$5,007.00

True Value Tax Rate (2004-05): \$20.47

The Peekskill City School District offers a wide range of educational opportunities in a diverse, interactive environment. The seven member Board of Education is elected by the public to serve three-year terms. The goals focus on achievement, quality workforce, community involvement, safe environment and fiscal policy.

We are proud of our multi-cultural community, which is experiencing a Renaissance as a result of Peekskill's growing reputation as an artist's community. With a city population of approximately 22,000, our growing student body is approximately 48% African American, 30% European American, 20% Hispanic American, and 2% Asian and Native American. Approximately half of our students receive free or reduced-price lunch.

The Early Childhood Center, located at the Uriah Hill, Jr. School, serves approximately 250 Kindergarten and 104 Pre-K students. The program has an emphasis on strong parental involvement and focuses exclusively on the needs of three to five year old children.

Children in grades one and two attend the Oaksdale School. Students in grades three and four attend the Woodside School, and children in grades five and six attend the Hillcrest School. Elementary programs include a balanced literacy program in reading and writing and the Chicago Math Project. Special programs include enrichment and challenging activities for all students. The District has a strong arts program through its involvement with Westchester Arts Council and Associated Solo Artists.

Peekskill Middle School houses students in grades 7-8. The Middle School uses a team approach that provides a supporting and nurturing environment for students in this special age group. A new Middle School for grades 6-8 will be built and ready for occupancy in the Spring of 2007.

Peekskill High School serves students in grades 9-12. Ninth and tenth grade students are divided into two houses in order to provide a more focused and student-centered environment. Advanced Placement courses are offered for college credit in English, Calculus, American History, European History, Anatomy & Physiology, Art, Music, and Foreign Language. The district has participated in an exchange program with Jitsugyo High School in Asahikawa, Japan for more than twenty years. There are many extra curricular activities as well as interscholastic athletics. A modern planetarium serves the students, as well as, the community.

Students in all grades have access to many services: school nurses, librarian, a full special education program, school psychologists and social workers. At the secondary level, the guidance department helps students make important educational and personal decisions. The District has a comprehensive technology plan, which will guide staff in the integration of technology throughout the school curriculum.

The students in grade 4 and above have access to a wide array of extended programs that provides tutorial support and arts education.

Pelham Union Free School District

661 Hillside Road, Pelham, NY 10803

Telephone: (914) 738-3434 **Fax:** (914) 738-7223

Superintendent: Dr. Charles T. Wilson **Board President:** Dr. Terrence F. Martell

Email: pelhamps@westnet.com **Web Site:** www.pelhamschools.org

District Information:

Population: 12,000

Town(s) collecting Taxes: Pelham

Villages Served: Pelham, Pelham Manor

Zip Code: Within District: 10803

Enrollment: 2,608

Name/Grade Levels of School Buildings:

Colonial School K-5

Hutchinson School K-5

Prospect Hill School K-5

Siwanoy School K-5

Pelham Middle School 6-8

Pelham Memorial High School 9-12

Kindergarten:

full day 5 yrs by 12/31

Average Class Size:

K-2 18

3-5 - 20.3

6-8 Eng/SS - 22.7

9-12 - 22.6

Child Care: at Colonial and Hutchinson Schools provided by Pelham Childrens Center. After school at Siwanoy School provided by Playful Wonders

Staff:

Certified: 246

Non-Certified: 57

Transportation:

District Size (sq. miles): 2.1

Number of Walkers:

Number of Students Bused:

To Public Schools: 0

To Non-Public Schools: 103

In District Distance Limits/Free:

K-8 - 2 miles

9-12 - 3

Private/Parochial Schools:

Number Who Attend: 131

Number of Schools Attended: 33

Costs:

Total Budget (2004-05): \$43,433,043.00

Per Pupil Cost (2004-05): \$16,654.00

Portion of Above Paid By Local Tax: \$12,505.00

True Value Tax Rate (2004-05): \$14.24